



The Photographic Guild of Los Gatos Educational Foundation
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A contest for Junior Photographers
(Ages 18 and under - Junior College Students not eligible)

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Dear Photography Instructor,

This is the first notice of our 42nd Annual Junior Photography Contest to be held in May 2010. The date for final submission of prints will be 5 pm, Thursday, May 6, 2010, with the awards ceremony at 7:45 pm on Tuesday, May 18, 2010. In a few months you will receive fliers for the contest. Please review last year's categories for ideas. We will finalize these in January, 2010. If you have any suggestions for new categories mail them to the address above or e mail them to us at info@pglgef.org.

Categories, 2009

The contest categories were: Photojournalism, Architecture, Nature, Special Techniques, Studio Photography, Portraits (people only), Darkroom Photography, Animals, and the Senior Portfolio. In the Darkroom Photography category, any subject matter is allowed but entries must be produced entirely in the darkroom and in black-and-white only. Judging in this category will be based on print quality, composition, tonal range, and mounting. Color, black-and-white, and digital prints are allowed in all other categories.

The contest rules for 2010 will be essentially the same as last year. Please contact us if you have any questions.

Rules, 2009

- All entrants must be age 18 or under (Junior College students are not eligible) and live or attend school in the California counties of Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, San Mateo, Alameda, Monterey, or San Benito.
- All photos must be mounted on a single 11" x 14" mat board. Framed, double matted, or other sized boards will not be judged.
- Each black-and-white, color, or digital print must be entered in one and only one category. Note that Category 7, Darkroom Photography, is only for entries created entirely in the darkroom and only in black and white.
- All photos must be the students' own original image and all prints must be made by the student.
- Cash or merchandise prizes will be awarded in each category and for "Best of Show."
- Online entry will be available at www.pglgefcontest.org. After registration, students will print the official entry form and attach to the back of each submission, with the arrow pointing to the top of the print. Instructors must sign the entry form attached to the photo submission.
- If you can't use the online entry system, copy the official entry form at right and make sure the following fields are complete and legible: student name, address, city, zip, phone, email address, school, instructor, and a single entry category clearly marked.
- Prints without our official entry form attached or forms that are incomplete or illegible will not be judged.

Please help your students to choose their best photos and select the most appropriate contest category for each submission. Entries without our official 2010 entry form, which will be mailed to you in January, will not be judged.

We are attempting to establish an e-mail/phone list for all participating schools and teachers. Could you please send your email, school, and direct phone line to info@pglgef.org to update our database? As usual, we will be asking for students to help at the awards ceremony for extra credit or community service.

Yours truly,

Joanne Brice, Chairman
Junior Competition Committee